

Dual Citizenship for NRIs

2528. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the decisions taken on the issue of granting dual citizenship to NRIs and persons of Indian Origin abroad; indicating the various aspects taken into consideration and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): The Government has decided not to consider the grant of dual citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin holding the citizenship of another country. The facilities made available in different fields, namely economic financial and educational under the scheme for issuance of Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) card are considered adequate.

Cross Border Terrorism

2529. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cross-border terrorism is a curse to humanity because it has caused more damage than conventional wars;
- (b) if so, what has been its repercussion on Governments in Israel, France and U.K. which he recently visited;
- (c) the names of the countries who supported India's battle against terrorism; and
- (d) the names of such countries with whom Government propose to set up joint working groups to face terrorism and raise a coordinated fight against militancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. India regards State sponsored terrorism as a threat not only to our country but to the entire humanity, The tour of Israel, France and U.K. was undertaken with the main focus on problems of trans-border terrorism. We feel that the countries, which are victims of trans-border terrorism, should learn from the experience of each other and work together against this menace.